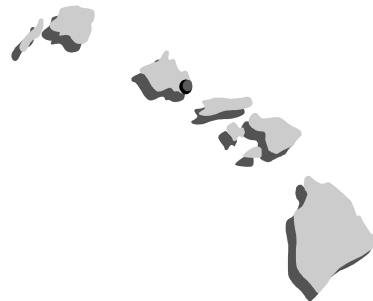




The Hawai'i Civil Rights Art Contest



The contest is sponsored by the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC), the State of Hawaii Department of Education (DOE), Hawaiian Telcom, the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), the Honolulu Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and the Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity (SEED) program at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

Eligibility

The contest is open to all public and private school students enrolled in grades 4, 5, and 6.

Prizes

For each grade level: \$50 for the winning student and \$100 for the winning student's class.
\$25 for the 2nd place student and \$50 for the 2nd place student's class.

Contest Theme

"What can we do in our daily lives to promote civil rights and diversity in our society?"

In conjunction with Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, the contest seeks to encourage children to reflect upon Dr. King's life and work, as well as the civil rights movement, and think about what they can do in their daily lives to promote civil rights and diversity. In addition to drawing a picture to illustrate their idea, students must write one or two sentences explaining their idea at the bottom of their picture.

In order to participate, students need an understanding about Dr. King and the civil rights movement's struggle to extend civil rights to all people. They will also have to reflect upon what they can do in their own lives to continue his work to promote civil rights and diversity.

Entry Requirements*

- All entries must have dimensions of 11 inches by 17 inches
- The sentence(s) explaining the drawing should be clearly visible and not obscured by the artwork.
- Pencils, crayons, pens, markers, or paints may be used. No chalk please!
- No three-dimensional entries. Nothing may be glued, taped, stapled or attached to the entry in any way. Entries must not be laminated.
- No photographs may be used.
- Computer generated art is prohibited.
- Each student may submit only one entry, and each entry must be the original work of only one student.
- The name of the student, school, grade, and classroom number, must be clearly and legibly written or typewritten on the upper right hand corner of the back of the poster.

**For those students who need an accommodation please contact Beth Schimmelfennig at 586-3328.*

Judging

There will be two levels of judging:

1. At the first level, teachers in each participating classroom must select the best entry, which in their opinion satisfies the theme of the contest. (For example, if your school has 5 classes of 5th graders, then your school may submit 5 entries (one from each classroom) from the 5th grade). Schools should send the selected entries from their school to:

Martin Luther King, Jr., Art Contest
Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 411
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

❖ Entries must be received by the HCRC by close of business on February 17, 2006.

2. At the second level, judges selected by the HCRC, DOE, Hawaiian Telcom, HAIS, JACL, SEED and a member of the arts community will select the winning entries.

❖ Winners will be notified by the week of April 3rd.

❖ A ceremony presenting the winners will be held in late April 2006. If a student from the neighbor islands is selected as a winner, the winning student, the student's parent or classroom teacher, will be flown to Oahu for the ceremony (*The sponsors will provide for round-trip tickets and ground transportation*).

General Information and Conditions

- Only original work will be accepted. Photocopies, photographs or other duplications are prohibited.
- All entries become the property of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission. No entries will be returned.
- By entering the contest, participants agree to allow their names, photos and copies of their work to be used for publicity purposes.
- Martin Luther King, Jr., Art Contest images cannot be used without written permission from the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.
- The winning entries and other meritorious entries may be displayed at public exhibits, shown on the HCRC website, or reprinted at a later date by the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.
- The Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, DOE, Hawaiian Telcom, HAIS, JACL, and SEED are not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed, or lost during the judging process.
- Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, or misdirected mail. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Entries missing a deadline during the judging process will be disqualified.
- Entries not meeting the entry requirements will be disqualified.
- The contest may be canceled at any time with appropriate notice.
- The contest is void where prohibited, taxed, or restricted by law.
- By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges.

Suggestions

- Challenge your students to think about what they can do in their daily lives to make a difference in their school and homes by promoting civil rights and diversity. Students should reflect upon the importance of Dr. King's work and principles and how he changed our world.
- Encourage your students to be creative.
- Encourage them to reflect upon the importance of civil rights in our society.
- Encourage them to think about how the actions of an individual or group can make a difference in other people's lives.